



Halfway Nursery Infant News

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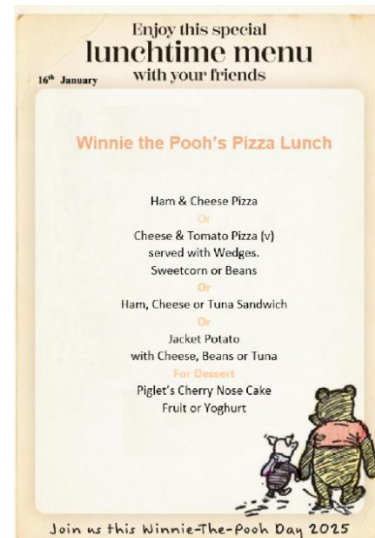
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This week's updates...

Thursday 16th January - Census day

Census day is an important day for schools, as numbers of pupils attending school on this day and having a school meal help to determine the funding allocated to the school. Where possible, please send your child to school on this day and encourage them to have a school meal.

On this day, our catering team are doing a special census day pizza menu linked to Winnie the Pooh day!



School also receives additional funding for pupils who are in receipt of free school meals. If you think you may qualify for this you can apply online here: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/school-meals> alternatively school can apply on your behalf.

The eligibility criteria is below:

If you have a child attending a Sheffield school or maintained nursery, you may be entitled to free school meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

After-school clubs

Our after school clubs for this half term start back this week. As a reminder, all clubs run until 4:10pm, apart from on Friday, when this club finishes at 4pm. Children are to be collected from the main entrance, where they will be dismissed by the sports coach and school office staff. These adults may be unfamiliar with those collecting your child, so please allow a little extra time for dismissal and make sure those collecting children know their passwords. Children attending clubs will need PE kits, which they will change into at the end of the day.

Phonics breakfast

We are inviting parents/ carers of our children in Foundation Stage 2 and year 1 to join us for a phonics breakfast. Each of the sessions will take place in the school hall where you will receive useful information about phonics (including information about the year 1 national phonics screening check), see a lesson in action and join in activities with your child. Dates for the phonics breakfasts are below:

- Wednesday 5th February ~ Elmers
- Thursday 6th February ~ Gruffalos
- Wednesday 11th February ~ Hungry Caterpillars
- Thursday 12th February ~ Rainbow Fish

Each session will run from when you have dropped off your child until 10:15am. Parents/ carers are invited into the school hall for a light breakfast straight after drop off. A short introduction to our phonics and early reading programme will take place at 9am with children joining you in the hall at 9:15am for a phonics lesson. Afterwards, you will have the chance to take part in phonics and reading activities with your child.

A text form will be shared with you to indicate whether you are intending to come to the session, which will help us plan for approximate numbers. We kindly ask that no more than 2 people attend per child. If you are unable to attend, your child will still join in the session with school staff.

We do hope that lots of you are able to attend this exciting event.

Nursery Parent/Carer Funded Childcare

Any fees owed for additional nursery hours are applied to ParentPay at the beginning of each term, for the full term. These can either be paid in full or in instalments but we kindly ask that they are settled by the end of each term.

Nursery school meal orders

If your child is not entitled to free school meals and has a school meal, this charge will be applied to ParentPay on the day the meal is ordered. We kindly ask that this balance is settled by the end of each term.

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please apply here:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/school-meals>

To make a payment via ParentPay, login to ParentPay, select the yellow tab "Pay for other items". Here you will find a list of all active payment items.

If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Diary dates



- **Friday 31st January** ~ Foodbank collection
- **Wednesday 5th February** ~ Elmers phonics breakfast
- **Thursday 6th February** ~ Gruffalos phonics breakfast
- **Monday 10th February** ~ History van visit to school for year 2 (*payment item on ParentPay*)
- **Wednesday 11th February** ~ Hungry Caterpillars phonics breakfast
- **Thursday 12th February** ~ Rainbow Fish phonics breakfast

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February ~ Half term (school and nursery closed)

- **Tuesday 25th February** ~ James Brunt land artist working with all children in school (*more information and payment item to be added to ParentPay soon*)
- **Thursday 6th March** ~ World Book Day
- **Tuesday 11th March and Wednesday 12th March** ~ Parent's Evenings
- **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March** ~ Foundation Stage 2 NHS height and weight screening
- **Friday 21st March** ~ Red Nose Day
- **W/b 24th March** ~ Scholastic Book Fair in school
- **Friday 28th March** ~ INSET day (school and nursery closed to pupils)

Monday 31st March – Friday 11th April ~ Easter holidays (school and nursery closed)

More information about upcoming diary dates will be shared with you nearer the time. Some dates are subject to change and any changes will be shared with you on the newsletter.

PE DAYS reminder

Please see below for the days when each class will have their PE lessons this half term:

- **Gruffalos and Elmers** ~ Monday (*children come to school in their PE kit*)
- **Rainbow Fish** ~ Wednesday and Friday
- **Hungry Caterpillars** ~ Tuesday and Friday
- **Enormous Crocodiles** ~ Tuesday and Thursday
- **Crafty Chameleons** ~ Wednesday and Thursday

Parking

To try to ease congestion outside of school, please avoid parking in front of the cones, on our neighbour's driveways or double parking along the road. Where possible, please consider parking a little further away and walking into school.

Free parking is available in the Supertram car park.

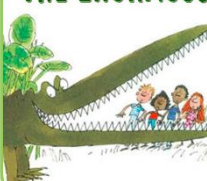


Halfway Heroes!



Well done to our learners of the week and our attendance winning class!

THE ENORMOUS CROCODILES



Tyler
Evelyn

CLASS 1

71.2%

The Crafty Chameleons



Honey
Connor

CLASS 2

75.6%

The Rainbow Fish

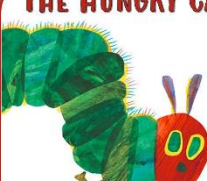


Taliyah
Zoey

CLASS 3

89.9%

THE HUNGRY CATERPILLARS




Jessica
Poppy

CLASS 4

90.5%

The Gruffalos



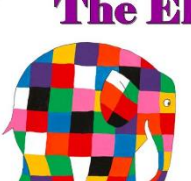
Elsie
Harry B

CLASS 5

92.3%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

The Elmers



Gratia
Harry L

CLASS 6

88.8%

Overall school attendance = 85%

Contact us

The main school office is open each day from 8am - 4pm, and the phone will be answered within these hours. Outside of these hours you will have the opportunity to leave an answer phone message, which will be replied to, if necessary, when the office is next open.

Absences

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ring as early as possible on 0114 248 2360. Choose Option 2.